


MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Cleo Richardson 
Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educational Services

DATE: September 20, 2007

RE: Attendance Improvement Initiative

The South Carolina Center for Truancy and Dropout Prevention at the State Department of Education is providing funding in the amount of \$1,500 to every school district in South Carolina to recognize students with improved or good attendance during the 2007-08 school year.

Each school district is responsible for developing its own attendance recognition/ incentive program. A district may develop a district wide program or focus on individual schools with attendance issues.

To receive the \$1,500 allocation, the enclosed Attendance Improvement Proposal must be submitted by October 31, 2007, to:

Helen Brooks
South Carolina Center for Truancy and Dropout Prevention
State Department of Education
1429 Senate Street, Suite 706
Columbia, SC 29201
FAX: (803) 734-4458

Upon approval of your proposal, a grant award and budget report form will be mailed to your district for completion and to be returned.

The South Carolina Center for Truancy and Dropout Prevention is committed to working with school districts in offering technical assistance or collaborative efforts in implementing attendance recognition programs. You may contact Elizabeth Adams at 803-734-5801 or via email at eadams@ed.sc.gov or David Toomer at 803-734-5485 or via email at dtoomer@ed.sc.gov with questions or concerns.

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Enclosures

cc: Yvonne McBride, Director, Office of Youth Services
South Carolina Truancy Advisory Council